

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 62-65, 67-71 and 73-77 are presently active in this case. The present Amendment cancels Claims 66, 72 and 78.

The Final Office Action noted that should claim 66 be found allowable, Claims 72 and 78 would be rejected as being duplicate thereof. Claims 66, 72 and 78 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Mangat et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0039923) in view of Steward et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0151991).

Claims 62-65, 67-71 and 73-77 were allowed. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

In response to the rejections of Claims 66, 72 and 78, these claims are cancelled. Therefore, the rejections are believed to be overcome by the present amendment.

The present amendment is submitted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, which after Final Rejection permits entry of amendments cancelling rejected claims. As the present amendment merely cancels rejected claims, it is respectfully requested that the present amendment be entered.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 62-65, 67-71 and 73-77 is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

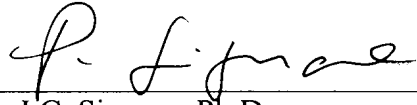
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